

OUR LITTLE ROCK LETTER.

The Mail-Fast-The Radicals Cry "Kl. Kl."—The Drops—Improvements—Hot Springs—The River—Steamboats—Miscellaneous—The Chinese Anxiously Expected, Etc.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.
LITTLE ROCK, May 25.—The glowing accounts given by your Journal of the Mail-Fast held by the Germans of Memphis must have reached into the ears of the same nationality a spirit of emulation. All the "big gunners" that were turned their yellow faces to old Sol were now bent upon a title of the substantial happiness felt and exhibited by the "Dutchmen" on Sunday last, at a stupendous picnic given under the auspices of the Little Rock Turnverein and a Lodge of the Order of Bruders. Every vehicle on wheels was in motion, and before 10 o'clock the city was deserted, save by a few, very few, anti-Sabbath-observant people. Kl. Kl. and Kl. Kl. were heard on every side, as a matter of course, but everything was "as nice as pie" as far as a jolly good time was concerned—no row, no ructions, and no butchery, but a most enjoyable and well-kept picnic.

But if the radicals here have prevented it, the term of the Circuit Court, commenced yesterday, will not begin to be as pleasant as the Volksfest just passed. The German morning journal nourished and kept in existence by Government nursing-bottles, and the Journal, an afternoon sheet, are the only papers not edited by "my brother, the General," are shouting "Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl." and "as nice as pie" as far as a jolly good time was concerned—no row, no ructions, and no butchery, but a most enjoyable and well-kept picnic.

The crops hereabouts, particularly in the prairie between this and De Witt's Bluff, on White river, are promising to suffer terribly from drought, and were only saved material damage by the heavy and general rain which fell yesterday afternoon.

This town is alive with mechanics. Carpenters, bricklayers, stone-masons, plasterers and representatives of other industrial pursuits are pouring in from the best of it, they all seem to find employment as soon as they arrive. Numerous residences are under construction, and in course of erection, on the business streets, while almost every property-holder is endeavoring to level best to supply the pressing demand for residences. Houses, small cottages, conveniently situated, are not to be had at all, unless engaged before being finished by the builder, and, as a consequence, nearly every family in town is "boarding."

And let me here remark that some of the "boarders" get the roughest "takes" (and steals) that could be imagined. Just the other day, a young man of Texas, looking, served up a *la maitresse* (19th U. S. Regulars!) I had the pleasure the other evening of witnessing a remarkable exhibition. A young lady from White county, on a visit to friends here, astonished a small circle of people by lighting a cigar with her toes, without bringing her feet into the burner. Her nervous system is so highly charged with electricity, that she is constantly rubbing her bare feet together, produce a shower of sparks, and occasionally a flash sufficient to ignite gas flowing from her toes.

In this instance, the burner was one in common use in the family of which she is an inmate, connected with a bracket by a small rubber tube, leading to a portable stand, placed for convenience on the floor. It would be a shocking thing to have a girl, who ought to devote herself exclusively to scientific experiments.

The rush to Hot Springs, like Dick English's weather, still continues. A new hotel has been opened to accommodate the increased patronage. Good kind of springs to have—bore holes in one, and three in another, and another not two yards distant; that might be called "blowing hot and cold" with a vengeance. I suppose you know that Hot Springs are now (or could be) in direct telegraphic communication with the German spas; if you don't, let the Little Rock know it. The line from the Springs was finished the other day, and a lot of "fellows" and a nipping of wire are at the other end.

So much for the beneficial effects of science and champagne.

Preparations are being made for the celebration of "Memorial Day" (30th May), when the graves of Federal soldiers buried here will be decorated, etc.

The river is well, I hardly know what the river is doing just now. The Arkansas is a bad stream to put your money (and some steamboats) upon. It will rise and fall in the course of a night, and it is seriously asserted that a boat once left here for Fort Smith on a trip of the Arkansas, the water ran from under her feet, so fast that she was aground before she got out of sight of town. Boats, though, are advertised to go up and down twice a week, and make their trips pretty regularly. From here to the mouth there is some little trouble experienced. Four or five miles below the mouth, the water is so shallow that it is necessary to use a small tug, or a small boat, to get the larger boats over the bar.

A Lively Boat Race.
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By order of the Committee of Arrangements.
(Signed) A. OAKLEY HALL, Secretary.

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